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SUBJ: PRESS REPORT ON FEA'S NEGOTIATIONS FOR MEXICAN OIL

REF: MEXICO 575

1. PRESS REPORT CITED REFTEL IS INACCURATE. FEA DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO NEGOTIATE FOR INCREASED DELIVERIES OF MEXICAN OIL TO THE US NOR DOES FEA HAVE AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE SUCH NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO A UPI SOURCE, A MEXICAN REPORTER MISINTERPRETED THE MEANING OF ONE OF THE QUESTION AND ANSWERS

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IN THE PRESS KIT PREPARED FOR THE PRESIDENT'S ENERGY

MESSAGE. THE QUESTION: QUOTE WILL WE GET NORTH SEA OIL? MEXICAN OIL? UNQUOTE. THE ANSWER SAID, QUOTE WHILE THE US WILL STRIVE TO ACHIEVE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, WE WILL STILL HAVE TO IMPORT SOME OIL AND WILL TRY TO IMPORT IT FROM RELATIVELY SECURE SOURCES. WE WILL PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NORTH SEA OIL PRODUCERS AND WITH MEXICO TO ADD IMPORTS FROM THESE AREAS UNQUOTE.

3. THE UPI SOURCE TOLD US THAT THE MEXICAN REPORTER DECIDED THAT, SINCE FEA HAD DRAFTED THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, IT MUST BE CONSIDERING NEGOTIATIONS FOR MEXICAN OIL. HE THEREUPON FILED THE FALSE STORY. KISSINGER

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